



Office of the City Clerk
BOARDS, COMMITTEES & COMMISSIONS

**CLIMATE CHANGE COMMITTEE
(CCC)**

CREATED BY:

Tucson Code, Chapter 10A, Article XX
Ordinance 10591 adopted October 7, 2008

MEMBERSHIP / QUALIFICATIONS:

Membership shall consist of thirteen (13) voting members, who shall serve without compensation. A Principal and Alternate Member will be assigned for each seat on the Commission to effectively expedite plans and facilitate broader stakeholder involvement.

The City Manager shall consult with the Office of Conservation & Sustainable Development to nominate qualified persons for consideration by the Mayor and Council for appointment.

Principal Members should represent a balanced range of interests including non-profit, academic and private sectors and shall have a professional affiliation with or expertise in, one or more of the following areas:

1. Climate change
2. Sustainable land use and transportation
3. Architecture and sustainable design
4. Community, grass-roots climate change efforts
5. Urban green space, urban heat island mitigation
6. Low-income representation
7. Local economy
8. Small and/or local business
9. Workforce advocacy and training
10. Neighborhood advocacy/support
11. Social services
12. Human health
13. Food security

Alternate Members will preferably come from the same or a similar organization as the Principal Member and shall, at a minimum, represent the same broad area of expertise as the Principal Member.

If the Principal Member holding a given seat is present at the meeting, then only the Principal member counts towards the quorum and can vote, however, at the discretion of the Co-Chairs, the Alternate Member may also attend and participate in discussions of some or all of the items on the agenda.

If the Principal Member holding a given seat is not present at the meeting, or must leave the meeting before it is adjourned, then the Alternate Member, if present, counts toward forming or maintaining the quorum and can vote in place of the Principal Member.

If a Principal Member holding a given seat is serving as a Co-Chair and is absent from a meeting, or must leave before it is adjourned, the corresponding Alternate Member for that seat does not automatically take the Principal Member's place as Co-Chair for that meeting, but may do so upon specific vote of the Committee.

If the Principal Member assigned to a seat on the Committee resigns, is removed, or can no longer serve, the Alternate Member assigned for that seat will receive first consideration for nomination and appointment as the new Principal Member.

The CCC shall select from among its Principal Members two Co-Chairs who shall serve two-year terms. No Principal Member shall serve as a Co-Chair for more than one term during any consecutive four years.

The CCC is empowered to create subcommittees that bring in additional expertise from outside the Committee. Subcommittees will have at least three (3) members and no more than seven (7) members, and must have at least one member who is also appointed to the CCC as a Principal Member. No more than three (3) subcommittees can be active at any time. All members appointed to subcommittees shall meet the same qualifications listed below for members of the CCC.

The Co-Chairs, acting by agreement, may appoint representatives from City advisory committees and departments and from other governmental jurisdictions with environmental or resource interests to serve as advisory, non-voting members.

FUNCTIONS:

1. Develop a Climate Change Mitigation and Adaptation Plan including recommendations to achieve the City's greenhouse gas reduction commitments along with strategies and steps needed to prepare for the direct and indirect effects of climate change on the City's infrastructure and operations, as well as its ecological, economic and social capital.
2. Identify and prioritize concerns and issues relating to long-term environmental, social and economic sustainability of the Tucson community.
3. Annually review the City's Sustainability Strategic Plan, provide a written report on the status of implementation of the Plan, and recommend revisions to the Mayor and Council that reflect new information or priorities for pursuing a more sustainable community.
4. Review and report to the Mayor and Council on progress toward achieving adopted sustainability goals and objectives, including those adopted in the Mayor's Climate Protection Agreement, utilizing staff of the City Manager's Office of Conservation and Sustainable Development and other sources for the information necessary for such review.
5. Frame priorities for sustainability that balance environmental protection, judicious use of resources, economic vitality, healthy communities, and social equity and that are appropriate to the specific challenges and constraints of the Sonoran Desert, and develop and propose a comprehensive set of sustainability principles to inform City policies, including the General Plan.
6. Establish methods and indicators to measure success in meeting established sustainability goals.
7. Solicit and review recommendations from other City advisory committees regarding indicators, implementation, and/or other aspects of the City's Sustainability Strategic Plan.
8. Support and sponsor community programs and projects to provide information and education to the community on ways to improve individual, business, or organizational sustainability.
9. Develop and encourage community efforts and resources for community action on sustainability.
10. Consult and cooperate with federal, state, county, city, town, or other governmental or public agencies, commissions, and committees, citizens,

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community groups, academic institutions, and other entities on matters relating to sustainability.

11. Consult with the Mayor and Council as requested relative to specific sustainability issues and needs that may arise.

The CCC shall adopt bylaws for its operations that are consistent with the City Charter and other legal authority and file them with the City Clerk.

QUORUM:

A quorum shall consist of seven (7) voting members.

TERMS OF OFFICE:

Both Principal and Alternate Members shall serve for a term of two (2) years and may be re-appointed for up to three additional terms of two years.

APPLICABILITY OF TUCSON CODE CHAPTER 10A, ARTICLE XIII:

Exempt from TCC 10A-134(c) – Members may serve concurrently on other City Boards, Committees and Commissions. All provisions of TCC Chapter 10A, Article XIII are applicable.

OPEN PUBLIC MEETING LAW REQUIREMENTS:

This public body is defined as an advisory committee and must comply with all of the provisions of the Open Public Meeting Law

SUPPORTING DEPARTMENT:

Office of Conservation and Sustainable Development – 791-4505

Historical Notes:

On October 7, 2008, the Mayor and Council adopted Ordinance No. 10591, dissolving the Environmental Accords/Green Cities Declaration and Sustainability Committee, repealing Tucson Code Chapter 10A, Article XXII, Comprising of Sections 10A-230 through 10A-234, repealing Resolution No. 10367; amending Tucson Code by adding a new Chapter 10A, Article XX, Sections 10A-210 through 10A-215.